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1. QUOTED BELOW IN ITS ENTIRETY IS THE TEXT OF A PAPER ENTITLED "POINTS WHICH MAY BE ON THE AGENDA DURING THE DANISH PRESIDENCY. PRELIMINARY DANISH VIEWS", WHICH WAS USED AS THE BASIS OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN AND THE EC COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER 9, 1977. FOR COMMENT ON THAT DISCUSSION AND THE PAPER, SEE REFTEL.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICY

THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE BALANCES OF PAYMENTS OF FRANCE, ITALY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE DURING 1977. THERE WOULD THEREFORE SEEM TO BE SLIGHTLY BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COORDINATION OF THE ECONOMIC POLI-

CIES OF MEMBER STATES WITH A VIEW TO CREATING A BASIS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF GROWTH.

DENMARK IS STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF INTENSIFIED MONETARY COOPERATION AND THEREFORE SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL OF THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY TO INCREASE THE QUOTAS OF THE SHORT-TERM AND MEDIUM-TERM CREDIT-MECHANISMS. THE DANISH PRESIDENCY IS READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY OTHER EFFORT IN THIS FIELD WHICH HAS REASONABLE PROPOECTS OF BEING SUCCESSFUL.

THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS IN FAVOUR OF A POSSIBLE COMMON ATTITUDE ON EXCHANGE RATE POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN WITH A VIEW TO CONTRIBUTING TO A STABILIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CONDITIONS.

A SUITABLE INCREASE OF THE CAPITAL OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK AIMED AT EXPENDING THE JOB CREATING ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUPPORTED BY DENMARK, AS WILL OTHER EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIGHT AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT.

ENERGY POLICY

DANMARK GIVES HIGH PRIORITY TO AN INTENSIFICATION OF EC COOPERATION ON ENERGY POLICY. THE AGREED OBJECTIVE IS TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON OIL IMPORTS, PARTLY BY MEASURES TO INCREASE ENERGY SAVINGS, PARTLY BY MEASURES TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AS WELL AS BY ACTIVE EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

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THE DANISH PRESIDENCY WILL WORK FOR PROGRESS IN THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE. THIS INCLUDES:

- 1) MEASURES TO ENLARGE THE EXISTING MECHANISMS OF JOINT FINANCING OF ENERGY PROJECTS.
 - 2) COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE WITH A VIEW TO ASCERTAINING WHETHER THOSE PROBLEMS, IN PARTICULAR THE QUESTION OF URANIUM SUPPLY AND THE PROBLEM OF WASTE DISPOSAL, COULD BE SOLVED IN A COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK, OR WHETHER SOLUTIONS HAVE TO BE FOUND IN A WIDER INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT.
 - 3) RECOGNITION BY THE MEMBER STATES THAT THE COMMUNITY FROM 1985 WILL FACE A DEFICIT IN ITS ENERGY SUPPLY. AN IMPORT POLICY OF A PROTECTIONIST NATURE WILL NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.
- THE DANISH GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT LONG-TERM SUPPLY COMMITMENTS ON THE PART OF PRODUCER COUNTRIES MAY BE USEFUL. IN RETURN THE COMMUNITY MAY HAVE TO ADAPT ITS ATTITUDES ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES AND TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING

THE DIVISION OF LABOUR IN THE LONG RUN. THIS
MIGHT INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL-BASED
REFINERY AND PROCESSING INDUSTRIES OF THE PRODUCER
COUNTRIES.

AGRICULTURE

THE DIVERGENT INTERESTS OF MEMBER STATES WILL PROB-
ABLY NECESSITATE THAT A DECISION ON AGRICULTURAL
PRICES FOR NEXT YEAR BE COMBINED WITH DECISIONS ON
A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES. DENMARK IS IN GENERAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSION'S PLANS IN SO FAR AS
THEY ARE KNOWN TO US AT THIS TIME.

PROGRESS ON THE MCA QUESTIONS IS ESSENTIAL FOR
DENMARK. THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL SEEMS A REASON-
ABLE BASIS FOR A COMPROMISE.

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FISHERY POLICY

THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS ON THE WHOLE IN AGREEMENT
WITH THE LINE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION.

LABOUR MARKET POLICY AND SOCIAL POLICY

AN IMPORTANT TASK DURING THE DANISH PRESIDENCY WILL
BE TO PREPARE AND TAKE DECISIONS ON QUESTIONS RELAT-
ING TO UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

DENMARK ATTACHES HIGH PRIORITY TO EC COOPERATION
IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD.

NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE

THE COUNCIL SHOULD ADVANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
EC-DIRECTIVES CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF TECHNICAL
BARRIERS TO TRADE AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES. DENMARK
BELIEVES THAT FLEXIBLE POSITIONS ON THE PART OF
MEMBER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS ON THAT OF THE COMMISSION
IS A CONDITION FOR REACHING A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION,
AND INTENDS TO WORK FOR THIS.

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STATE AID
NATIONAL STATE AIDS ARE BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY
SERIOUS RISK OF DISTORTION OF COMPETITION IN THE
COMMON MARKET. THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED
TO WORKING FOR SERIOUS COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO COUNTER-
ACT THIS RISK. IT BELIEVES THAT A USEFUL FIRST STEP
COULD BE A REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL
IN THE BEGINNING OF 1978 SETTING OUT EXPERIENCE
GAINED DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS IN THE APPLICATION
OF EC RULES ON STATE AID. THIS REPORT WOULD HOPE-
FULLY FORM A BASIS FOR A BETTER OBSERVANCE OF THE
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TREATIES.
THE STATE AID PRACTICES OF THE EFTA-COUNTRIES
SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN INCREASES ATTENTION AND FORM A
PARTICULAR SUBJECT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COM-
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COMMUNITY AND THOSE COUNTRIES.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREENLAND
BEFORE THE 1ST JANUARY, 1978, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT
INTENDS TO NOTIFY THE COUNCIL OF THE NEED FOR SPECIAL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREENLAND IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE
HOME RULE TO BE INTRODUCED IN GREENLAND WITHIN A
COMPARATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. DENMARK HOPES THAT THE
COMMISSION WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT ITS REPORT BEFORE
THE SUMMER OF 1978 ON THE BASIS OF MORE SPECIFIC
PROPOSALS TO BE PRESENTED BY DENMARK IN THE SPRING
OF 1978.
EC'S BUDGET AND FINANCING
THE DANISH GOVERNMENT SHARES THE WISH OF THE COM-
MISSION TO IMPROVE THE BUDGETARY POLICIES AND
CONTROLS OF THE COMMUNITY.

ENLARGEMENT

DENMARK INTENDS TO WORK FOR A FINAL BREAK-THROUGH IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1978.

THE COMMISSION'S OPINION ON PORTUGAL'S REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP AND POSSIBLY THAT ON SPAIN'S MAY BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL DURING THE DANISH PRESIDENCY. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT SUFFICIENT PROGRESS IS MADE IN THE COMMUNITY'S THINKING ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF ENLARGEMENT AND THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1978.

PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY FOR MEDITERRANEAN PRODUCTS HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH URGENTLY BUT WITHOUT CREATING NEW DIFFICULTIES OR UPSETTING THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY. THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS DENMARK ATTACHES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS MAY
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REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IN THE COUNCIL WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE MANDATE TO THE COMMISSION.

RAW MATERIALS AND THE COMMON FUND

A SATISFACTORY BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED FOR MORE PROGRESSIVE ATTITUDES AND THE DESIRABILITY OF A COMMON EC-ATTITUDE SHOULD BE SOUGHT.

EC/EFTA

A REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EC AND EFTA IS FORESEEN. DENMARK CONSIDERS INTENSIFIED COOPERATION WITH THESE COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION DOMINATED BY THE ENLARGEMENT PERSPECTIVE.

EC COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

DENMARK WOULD CONSIDER THIS TO BE ONE OF THE HIGH-PRIORITY POLICIES OF THE COMMUNITY. EFFORTS SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED ON BOTH THE COMMUNITY'S OWN POLICIES AND ON THE HARMONIZATION OF NATIONAL POLICIES.

THE LOME-CONVENTION

PREPARATIONS OF A COMMON ATTITUDE SHOULD INCLUDE: INCREASED CONSIDERATION OF THE NEED FOR BETTER PLANNING OF FINANCIAL AID, INCLUDING EXTENDED PARTICIPATION BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS AN EXTENSION OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING MEASURES TO INCREASE INVESTMENTS.

OTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

DENMARK INTENDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF AN OPEN AND RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY.

SHIPPING

THE COMMUNITY IS FACING SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES
RESULTING FROM THE SHIPPING POLICY OF STATE TRADING
COUNTRIES. IT SHOULD THEREFORE URGENTLY DEVELOP AN
EFFECTIVE POLICY TO COUNTERACT THESE PRACTICES.
IN DISCUSSION ON A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER-
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CONFERENCES, DENMARK IS COMMITTED TO AS WIDE AND
LIBERAL SOLUTIONS AS POSSIBLE.
DENMARK IS INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE SHORTCOMINGS
OF THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON MARKET WHICH IN SEVERAL
WAYS SUFFER FROM LESS THAN FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS OF
FREE COMPETITION. THERE IS A PRESSING NEED TO TAKE
A FRESH OVERALL VIEW OF THE COMMUNITY'S POSSIBILITIES
OF BRINGING ABOUT A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THIS
SITUATION. THIS SEEMS TO CALL FOR COMPREHENSIVE
ACTION OVER A WIDE RANGE OF THE COMMUNITY'S ACTIVITIES.
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